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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

The claims remaining in this application are claims 2-22, claim 1 having been deleted without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazi et al. US 5,377,685 (Kazi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-13 and 15-22 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. The limitations of claim 1 have been inserted into objected to claims 2 and 8. There were no intervening claims, i.e., claims 2 and 8 were directly dependent on claim 1.

In light of the examiner's statement of objection, it follows that claims 2 and 8 are now allowable. All other remaining claims are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 2 or claim 8. Thus all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all rejections of record have been obviated, and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Fees

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account #50-1047.

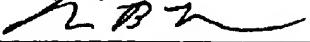
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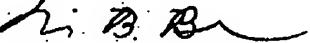
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